

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 908

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Marc Gravitt for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should pause to honor those fellow legislators who performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office were dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their districts and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Marc Gravitt of East Ridge is one such distinguished public servant who served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, an alumnus of Chattanooga State Community College and the Certified Auctioneers Institute at Indiana University, Marc Gravitt is a real estate broker and auctioneer who has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 30th House District, whom he served as a member of the 108th, 109th, and 110th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of the United States Army, Representative Gravitt is a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civil life of Hamilton County, having previously served as the East Ridge vice mayor and as an East Ridge city councilman; and

WHEREAS, throughout his service in the House of Representatives, Marc Gravitt was prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always voted his conscience; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process during his time in the General Assembly, Representative Gravitt rendered sterling service as a principled member of the House Business and Utilities Committee, the House Local Government Committee, and the House Business and Utilities Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gravitt gives back to his community through his work with the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce and the Better Business Bureau; and

WHEREAS, he also lends his leadership and thoughtfulness to a host of other organizations, including the University of Tennessee's Municipal Technical Advisory Service's Elected Officials Academy; the Tennessee Auctioneers Association, which he served as president; the National Auctioneers Association; Veterans of Foreign Wars, of which he is a life member; the American Society of Appraisers; the National Rifle Association, of which he is a life member; the American Legion, Hamilton County; the Republican Party, Hamilton County; the Pachyderm Club; and the Certified Auctioneers Institute; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Representative Gravitt was named the 2014 Chattanooga Area Friends of the National Rifle Association Volunteer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a man of the Methodist faith, Marc Gravitt attends Christ United Methodist Church, where he previously served as a committee member; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments and civic duties aside, Marc Gravitt is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Cleo Gravitt, and their two children, Jason and Kensley; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a public servant, Marc Gravitt worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, Representative Marc Gravitt is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized for his exemplary tenure in this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Marc Gravitt for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 30th House District, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.